

TRANSFER STUDENT PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



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Hometown: Yampa, Colorado

Major: Agricultural Business

Personal Interests: Adventuring with friends, playing sports, hunting, and working with cattle.

Campus Involvement: President of the Collegiate Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Chapter and a member of Wyoming Collegiate Cattle Association.

How I can help as your peer mentor (and former transfer student): I'm more than happy to answer any questions big or small about UW. I won't have all the answers, but will work with you to find the answer through the many resources UW has available.

What was I nervous about? Adjusting to the new atmosphere: bigger class sizes, stricter expectations, asking questions, and making friends without living on campus.

What was I excited about? A whole new level of knowledge, more course options, different opportunities, meeting new people, and intermural sports.

Advice for an incoming transfer student: Be confident! Ask questions in and outside of class, and get involved in! Obviously, setting your priorities is important. After prioritizing classes, evaluate your hobbies and things your most passionate about. I almost guarantee there's a club(s) on campus that will match with you. Don't get over involved and spread yourself thin, but find one or two clubs that fit in your schedule. It's been the best way for me to meet like-minded friendly people. Through clubs, campus activities, and mingling with classmates, I've meet amazing people! They've created a great support group/family for me here at UW!

What is it like being a transfer student at UW? First semester I was way more intimidated by the university than I needed to be. After getting to know people and my way around campus, I got into the flow of things. Many of UW students are transfers; therefore, it doesn't take long to feel like an insider. I've been advised well and am set on track to graduate on my anticipated time.